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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 26, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the office action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include substitute drawings 4C filed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.